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Mrs. Effa Manley
71 Crawford Street
Newark, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Manley:

Prior to receiving your letter, Mr. Seay had written me about the same matter and I had secured the two dates in Norfolk for your team against the Grays. I wrote Seay telling him that the Newport News dates were not ~~xxx~~ available. Here is what has happened:

The park owners in Newport News have no club this year and have released the park on a seasonal basis to the Shipyard ~~in~~ Athletic association for all weekdays. Only days ball clubs can come in are on Saturdays and Sundays. I have been to the owners, to the Shipyard Association and others influential there with no results. It is a patriotic gesture on behalf of war workers and service men and they will not alter their program to give weekday dates to ball clubs. I have tried everything and I have a friend who is very influential in Newport News. He couldn't swing the dates for me. I can get any Saturdays and Sundays but you folks wouldn't be interested in them, I don't suppose. Terribly sorry. I have asked Seay if he wanted to try to go into Portsmouth on those dates.

Incidentally, I want to remind you to use my home address, above. I explained to you in Washington that I would want to receive all such correspondence regarding personal matters at 2501 West Avenue, Norfolk. I think that is better for us all.

Have had not reactions from NNL owners to my plea for consideration on behalf of Negro baseball, which I carried in my column the week following the Washington meeting. Evidentially, owners don't read the column or ~~xxx~~ don't appreciate the efforts to ~~keep~~ keep the spirit of baseball alive and to pull the fans in behind the teams for support. Others have commented favorably on the piece, which was intended to help ~~develop~~ develop ~~base~~ baseball crowds.

Regards to Mr. Manley. Yours in sports,

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